future demand for the petroleum products;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government propose to enhance the intake crude refining capacity of the refinery from the present 0.75 MMT to 1.50 MMT; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The refining capacity of Guwahati Refinery is not proposed to be enhanced from the existing level of 0.85 MTPA.

(c) Does not arise.

Telephone exchange in Chandigarh

29. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the time upto which no new telephone connection is likely to be granted in Chandigarh;

(b) what steps are proposed to be taken to ease the situation; and

(c) by when the work is expected to be started for the construction of the much needed telephone exchange in Sector 34 there?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) The telephone exchnge at Chandigarh is working to its full capacity. New connections would be possible only after a new 10,000 lines E-10B exchange is installed which is expected in 1989-90. This exchange will have a 5000 lines R.L.U. for Chandigarh, 3000 lines for Mohali and 2000 lines for Panchkula.

(c) The work of construction of building of main telephone exchange in Sector 34 is expected to start in 1988-89

Thefts in Nedubassery Post Office

30. SHRI K. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many thefts took place in Nedubassery Post Office (68 35 78) Alwaye during the last three years;

(b) the details of each theft and the loss incurred thereby; and

(c) whether the thieves have been arrested so far or not; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) During the last three years only one theft took place in Nedubassery Post Office — Alwaye on 12/13.1.88 The miscreants took a sum of Rs. 6/- kept in the drawer of the table.

(c) The case was reported to the police but nobody could be arrested by them.

Automatic exchanges in Tamil Nadu

31. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of STD stations opened last year in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up Trunk Automatic Exchange at Thirunelveli; and

(c) if so, at what stage the proposal rests at present?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Nine stations in Tamil Nadu were provided with STD facility during the year 1987-88.